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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

The following narrative and tables are from recently published reports by USDA's Agricultural Statistics Board. These data are direct results of information provided by Nebraska producers and agribusinesses to the surveys conducted each month by this office.

Thank you for your response to these surveys.

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Nebraska Cattle on Feed Unchanged

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 1.92 million cattle on feed on August 1, 2009, the same as last year. Placements of cattle into feedlots during July totaled 410,000 head, up 28 percent from 2008. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 400,000 head, down 9 percent from last year. Other disappearance during July totaled 10,000 head the same as 2008.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Down 2 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.6 million head on August 1, 2009. The inventory was 2 percent below August 1, 2008. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.86 million, 13 percent above 2008. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.93 million, 5 percent below 2008. Other disappearance totaled 43,000 during July, 4 percent below 2008.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2008-2009

State	August 1 Number on Feed ¹			July Placements			July Marketings			July Other Disappearance ²		
	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> <u>2008</u>	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> <u>2008</u>	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> <u>2008</u>	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> <u>2008</u>
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	357	275	77	37	25	68	35	36	103	1	1	100
California	515	450	87	45	45	100	48	53	110	2	2	100
Colorado	750	850	113	110	125	114	175	180	103	5	5	100
Idaho	180	195	108	29	33	114	48	37	77	1	1	100
Iowa	475	510	107	51	61	120	75	70	93	1	1	100
Kansas	2,010	1,920	96	430	480	112	490	470	96	10	10	100
Nebraska	1,920	1,920	100	320	410	128	440	400	91	10	10	100
New Mexico	164	86	52	32	13	41	21	18	86	1	3	300
Oklahoma	290	310	107	46	69	150	55	52	95	1	2	200
South Dakota	170	190	112	21	29	138	35	43	123	1	1	100
Texas	2,590	2,510	97	460	495	108	520	470	90	10	5	50
Washington	133	138	104	32	33	103	38	40	105	1	1	100
Other States	315	290	92	43	45	105	57	59	104	1	1	100
U.S.	9,869	9,644	98	1,656	1,863	113	2,037	1,928	95	45	43	96

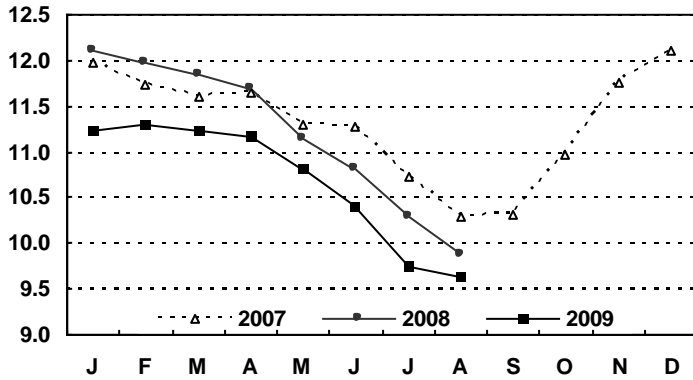
¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

² Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, August 21, 2009

**United States Cattle on Feed
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots**

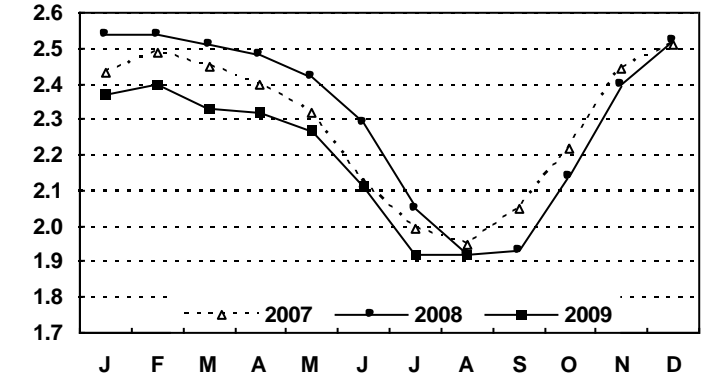
Million Head



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

**Nebraska Cattle on Feed
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots**

Million Head



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

**Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed by Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity
Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2008-2009**

State	During July									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>1,000 Head</i>									
Colorado	15	15	20	15	35	35	40	60	110	125
Kansas	70	80	85	90	155	150	120	160	430	480
Nebraska	40	60	50	80	90	95	140	175	320	410
Texas	130	200	110	125	130	105	90	65	460	495
Other States	105	100	50	55	71	73	110	125	336	353
United States	360	455	315	365	481	458	500	585	1,656	1,863

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed August 21, 2009

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

July 2009 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. July 2008 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. July 2009 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

**Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity,
Nebraska and United States,
July 2009 with Comparisons**

Item	Total ¹	July 2009 Percent of	
		July 2008	June 2009
Nebraska	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	607.9	94	101
Hogs, head	627.8	97	103
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	624.9	96	102
United States			
Cattle, head	2,920.6	95	98
Calves, head	79.9	91	103
Hogs, head	9,146.7	97	100
Sheep & Lambs, head	207.4	100	102
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	4,123.6	97	99

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter August 21, 2009

**Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United
States, July 2009 with Comparisons**

Commodity	Stocks	July 2009 Percent of	
		July 2008	June 2009
	<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>		
Total red meats	1,025,469	107	98
Beef	448,152	104	103
Pork	547,331	108	95
Poultry	1,324,135	97	106
Turkey	640,092	103	108
Chicken	677,747	92	104

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage August 21, 2009

**Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and
United States, July 2009 with Comparisons**

Item	2008	2009	2009/2008
	<i>Millions</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	9.4	9.6	102
United States	336.3	332.6	99
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	227	236	104
United States	6,474	6,505	100
Chickens Hatched, July			
United States			
Egg-type	37.3	36.3	97
Broiler	805.2	781.2	97

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs August 21, 2009

Milk Cows and Production: By Month, 23 Selected States, 2008-2009¹

Month	Milk Cows ²		Milk per Cow ³		Milk Production ³		
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
January	8,445	8,504	1,747	1,753	14,750	14,907	101
February	8,457	8,486	1,656	1,606	14,007	13,627	97
March	8,467	8,481	1,794	1,794	15,191	15,211	100
April	8,482	8,481	1,757	1,759	14,901	14,916	100
May	8,496	8,473	1,819	1,833	15,451	15,529	101
June	8,500	8,434	1,736	1,752	14,760	14,775	100
July	8,515	8,400	1,744	1,769	14,848	14,858	100
August	8,515		1,718		14,626		
September	8,510		1,650		14,041		
October	8,512		1,700		14,469		
November	8,519		1,654		14,089		
December	8,519		1,729		14,728		
Annual	8,495		20,704		175,861		

¹ 2009 previous month revised. ² Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ³ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, August 18, 2009

Farm Labor: Number and Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers, Selected Regions and United States, July 12-18, 2008 & July 12-18, 2009¹

Region ²	Hired Workers		Wage Rates							
			All Hired Workers		Type of work					
					Field		Livestock		Field & Livestock	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>Thousands</i>				<i>Dollars Per Hour</i>					
Lake	64	76	10.75	11.04	10.10	10.55	10.09	10.27	10.10	10.45
Cornbelt I	44	56	10.90	10.30	10.27	9.78	10.87	9.45	10.43	9.70
Cornbelt II	28	28	10.25	11.01	10.29	10.88	9.23	10.05	9.90	10.55
Northern Plains	36	40	10.27	10.73	9.89	10.67	10.17	10.20	10.00	10.50
Southern Plains	57	61	9.80	9.88	8.60	8.94	10.12	9.72	9.20	9.30
Mountain I	30	29	10.00	10.00	10.49	9.67	8.98	9.33	9.78	9.50
Mountain II	23	20	11.00	10.21	10.39	10.16	11.14	8.54	10.65	9.60
United States	828	875	10.34	10.64	9.66	10.04	9.98	10.03	9.74	10.04

¹ Excludes agricultural service workers. ² Regions consist of the following: Lake: Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin; Cornbelt I: Illinois, Indiana, Ohio; Cornbelt II: Iowa, Missouri; Northern Plains: Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota; Southern Plains: Oklahoma, Texas; Mountain I: Idaho, Montana, Wyoming; Mountain II: Colorado, Nevada, Utah.

Source: USDA NASS Farm Labor, August 21, 2009

Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary August 2009 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States		
		August 2008 ¹	July 2009 ¹	August 15, 2009	August 2008 ¹	July 2009 ¹	August 15, 2009
Wheat, All	Bushels	\$ 7.41	\$ 5.57	\$ 4.70	\$ 7.61	\$ 5.13	\$ 4.72
Corn	Bushels	5.23	3.60	3.20	5.26	3.60	3.31
Oats	Bushels	3.50	2.25	2.20	3.16	2.03	1.85
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	8.70	4.95	5.10	8.40	5.19	5.37
Soybeans	Bushels	12.80	10.70	10.90	12.80	10.80	10.70
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	91.00	79.00	74.00	163.00	116.00	109.00
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	94.00	81.00	76.00	179.00	120.00	111.00
Other, Baled	Ton	81.00	69.00	65.00	121.00	104.00	101.00
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	40.50	31.60	32.00	38.00	32.40	31.70
Hogs	Cwt.	64.60	43.90	39.30	60.70	43.20	39.70
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	65.00	44.20	39.40	61.70	43.90	40.00
Sows	Cwt.	43.80	30.30	36.10	40.50	28.30	33.20
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	99.80	84.20	83.50	95.80	81.10	80.30
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	101.00	85.20	84.50	100.00	85.30	84.60
Cows	Cwt.	62.30	52.00	50.30	57.60	47.40	46.70
Calves	Cwt.	125.00	117.00	120.00	117.00	110.00	110.00
Sheep	Cwt.	31.70	35.10		26.60	29.50	
Lambs	Cwt.	107.00	107.00		99.90	101.00	

¹ Entire month average except hay which is mid-month.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, August 31, 2009

U.S. Agricultural Exports, by Leading States: Estimated Value by Commodity Group, FY 2008

Commodity Group	United States	Leading 10 States, by value									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Million Dollars									
Total	115,451.5	Calif. 13,691.0	Iowa 7,859.5	Ill. 7,540.8	Tex. 6,006.8	Nebr. 5,944.6	Kans. 5,902.1	Minn. 5,461.4	N.Dak. 3,949.5	Ind. 3,778.2	Mo. 3,219.2
Soybeans and products	19,331.9	Iowa 2,905.9	Ill. 2,794.1	Minn. 1,725.3	Ind. 1,596.3	Nebr. 1,476.4	Mo. 1,248.7	Ohio 1,053.6	S.Dak. 901.8	Ark. 806.8	Kans. 785.6
Feed grain and products	18,147.5	Iowa 2,904.8	Ill. 2,857.9	Nebr. 1,939.8	Minn. 1,583.8	Kans. 1,318.4	Ind. 1,178.1	Tex. 835.6	S.Dak. 809.9	Ohio 570.4	N.Dak. 559.4
Wheat and products	14,836.0	Kans. 1,922.4	N.Dak. 1,663.2	Mont. 889.4	Okla. 860.1	S.Dak. 852.0	Minn. 642.3	Wash. 618.3	Tex. 602.8	Ohio 517.9	Ida. 497.4
Live animals and meat	9,454.6	Iowa 1,538.8	Nebr. 1,134.8	Tex. 739.9	Kans. 688.6	Ill. 600.7	N.Car. 553.5	Minn. 534.3	Kent. 382.6	Mo. 376.3	Ind. 371.6
Fruit and preparations	5,925.7	Calif. 3,044.2	Wash. 1,075.9	Fla. 771.3	Ore. 209.1	N.Y. 149.2	Mich. 145.4	Penn. 46.9	Tex. 46.4	Maine 44.2	Ariz. 43.8
Vegetables and preps.	5,160.2	Calif. 2,021.3	Wash. 606.4	Ida. 413.0	N.Dak. 332.6	Fla. 214.2	Wisc. 179.7	Mich. 143.7	Ore. 132.6	Ariz. 100.3	Colo. 91.0
Poultry and products	4,922.4	Ga. 555.1	Ark. 508.9	N.Car. 480.9	Ala. 428.6	Miss. 353.8	Tex. 266.1	Ind. 185.4	Calif. 155.2	S.Car. 143.0	Kent. 122.9
Cotton and linters	4,782.2	Tex. 1,638.6	Ga. 583.9	Ark. 473.0	Calif. 379.5	N.Car. 275.5	Mo. 254.7	Miss. 249.3	Tenn. 193.4	Ala. 171.2	Ariz. 148.3
Dairy products	4,099.1	Wisc. 949.2	Calif. 837.5	N.Y. 332.7	Ida. 239.6	Minn. 191.0	N.Mex. 179.4	Penn. 142.5	S.Dak. 68.5	Ohio 63.6	Iowa 55.4
Feeds and fodders	3,988.6	Kans. 562.6	Tex. 509.1	N.Dak. 341.7	Nebr. 258.8	Ida. 210.1	Iowa 177.3	Mont. 154.0	Minn. 141.8	Mo. 123.5	Colo. 117.8
Tree nuts	3,488.1	Calif. 3,141.7	Ga. 91.6	Ore. 81.6	N.Mex. 61.5	Tex. 41.0	Ariz. 22.5	Okla. 10.9	Ala. 9.6	Haw. 8.5	La. 6.8
Rice	2,183.3	Ark. 918.1	Calif. 614.4	La. 261.5	Miss. 149.4	Mo. 126.1	Tex. 113.7	na	na	na	na
Hides and skins	2,128.4	Nebr. 391.5	Kans. 341.9	Tex. 341.2	Wisc. 174.2	Colo. 146.6	Utah 86.6	Calif. 83.5	Minn. 71.8	Iowa 65.5	Wash. 63.0
Tobacco, un-manufactured	1,279.8	N.Car. 573.6	Kent. 331.2	Va. 73.8	Conn. 62.6	Ga. 58.8	Tenn. 58.5	na	na	na	na
Seeds	1,194.8	Ore. 279.9	Calif. 199.7	N.Dak. 78.9	Kans. 53.0	Ind. 51.4	Fla. 37.0	Nev. 31.2	Ariz. 29.5	Iowa 27.9	Wash. 27.8
Animal fats	1,070.2	Nebr. 212.8	Kans. 180.6	Tex. 180.4	Colo. 71.2	Wisc. 50.8	Iowa 50.7	Calif. 45.9	Ill. 37.3	Minn. 35.1	Penn. 30.0
Peanuts and products	337.5	Ga. 152.7	Tex. 56.4	Ala. 41.7	Fla. 29.4	N.Car. 23.5	S.Car. 17.4	Miss. 5.4	Va. 5.2	Okla. 4.1	na
Sunflowerseed and oil	226.8	N.Dak. 100.2	S.Dak. 69.5	Kans. 18.5	Minn. 10.9	Colo. 10.2	Tex. 6.1	Nebr. 5.5	na	na	na
Cottonseed and products	213.5	Tex. 76.8	Ga. 25.2	Ark. 22.0	Calif. 13.9	Mo. 11.9	N.Car. 11.5	Miss. 11.4	Tenn. 8.4	Ariz. 7.0	Ala. 6.9
Other ¹	12,681.1	Calif. 2,307.4	Fla. 814.2	Penn. 624.3	Ill. 599.3	Wash. 510.0	Ore. 480.8	Tex, 424.9	Ohio 414.3	Minn. 303.9	N.Car. 260.0

na = not applicable.

¹Other = Sugar and tropical products, minor oilseeds, essential oils, beverages other than juice, nursery and greenhouse, wine, and misc. vegetable products.

Source: USDA ERS <http://www.ers.usda.gov/Data/StateExports>

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